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HOUSE BILL 778

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Stevan Pearce

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR RESTORATION OF WATERSHED FUNCTIONS
IN RANGELANDS OF NEW MEXICO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- One million dollars
(\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to New
Mexico state university for allocation to soil and water
conservation districts statewide for expenditure in fiscal
year 2000 for the purpose of conducting a collaborative
program of range improvements, including watershed restoration
and vegetation management to improve water quality and
hydrologic function, to be led by soil and water conservation
districts in cooperation with the youth conservation corps and
other federal, state and local agencies. Any unexpended or
unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,
11 to whom has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

17 1. On page 1, line 19, strike "year" and insert
18 "years" and after "2000" insert "and 2001".

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20 2. On page 1, line 24, after the period insert
21 "Vegetation management includes thinning, prescribed burns
22 and reseeding native grasses in pinon-juniper and alpine
23 woodlands. The soil and water conservation commission shall
24 submit progress reports to the legislature every six months
25 during the course of the program and annually for five years
following the completion of the program ".

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3. On page 1, line 25, strike "2000" and insert
"2002".,
and thence referred to the TAXATION AND REVENUE
COMMI TTEE.

Respectfully submit ted,

Joe M Stell, Chairman

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(Chief Clerk)

Not Adopted _____
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Date _____

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Varela, Wright

Absent: None

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